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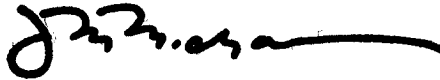
Subj: Notice from Belleville Traffic Control Center

The Traffic Control Center will manage vessel movements upon re-opening the Belleville pool. The River Industry Executive Task Force will determine Priority cargoes via the Traffic Control Center; carriers are encouraged to contact the Traffic Control Center for consideration. Vessels wishing to operate in the pool must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Permission to enter the Belleville Pool will depend on vessels meeting draft and cargo restrictions published for increasing pool levels.
2. All vessels will transit the Belleville Pool at **No Wake Speed** until Belleville's upper gauge reaches twelve feet (12').
3. No meeting in the Blennerhassett / Parkersburg Bridge area; Muskingum Island; or between Marietta Island to Old Lock 17 until restrictions are lifted.
4. No overtaking of another vessel in the Belleville Pool without permission from the Belleville Traffic Center or until restrictions are lifted.
5. Tows moving in the same direction must maintain a minimum distance of one (1) mile between each other until restrictions are lifted.
6. Report Reaching the following Check Points in the Belleville Pool:
 - a. Northbound tows:
 1. Departing Belleville Locks & Dam
 2. Old Lock 19
 3. Head of Blennerhassett Island
 4. Foot of Neale's Island (OR Mile 183)
 5. Mouth of Muskingum River
 6. Old Lock 17
 7. Willow Island Locks & Dam
 - b. Southbound tows:
 1. Departing Willow Island Lock
 2. Old Lock 17
 3. Mouth of Muskingum River
 4. Foot of Neale's Island (OR Mile 183)
 5. Head of Blennerhassett Island
 6. Foot of Blennerhassett Island
 7. Above Hockingport

As the queue diminishes and the pool level stabilizes, the Belleville Traffic Control Center will require fewer checkpoints and then eliminate them entirely.

The Belleville Traffic Control Center can be reached via VHS radio channel 13 or by telephone at 304 / 360-4711 (primary number) or 740 / 378-6110 (secondary number).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. M. Michalowski', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J. M. MICHALOWSKI
Commander, U. S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port
Huntington, WV